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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 25 July 1955, several units of the artillery brigade left the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne (5406) in Brandenburg and proceeded southwestward. Judging from the number of windows lit at dusk, the installation was 35 percent occupied. At dusk, the installation was occupied by 100 soldiers.
2. At about 2200 on 24 July, the units in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne were alerted. At 0050 on 25 July, the units left with their field equipment toward the town. The following equipment and vehicles were observed: 120 trucks, 33 tractors with 14 chassis, 16 two-wheel 203mm howitzers, 3 field kitchens, 6 field offices and 1 ambulance. The vehicles carried a small number of soldiers. After the departure of the units, the installation was occupied by only a rear detail.
3. At 1600 on 20 July, approximately 72 trucks towing 4 field kitchens and 3 M-1 rocket launchers passed through Genthin and proceeded toward Rathenow. Some of the trucks carried personnel and billeting equipment. At 1930, the column entered the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow.
4. On 20 July, a column of approximately 60 trucks carrying furniture and some 600 soldiers, 3 field kitchens, 3 radio trucks, and 4 repair shop trucks was seen in Rathenow. No guns were observed. The units entered the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443), the Pioneer Kaserne (5442), and the Infanterie Kaserne (5444) in Rathenow.

1. Comment. Large elements of the 124th Hvy How Arty Brig are quite definitely believed to have left the post for exercises. Since no loadings were observed, the units apparently transferred by road, possibly to Altengrabow or to the Brandenburg Forest, northwest of Brandenburg.
2. Comment. The rear details of the 6th Arty Div, which left the three Waldkasernen on 20 July, may have returned to the post. Since the returning units apparently included major elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig, there is reason to believe that units of the brigade, the departure of which had not been observed, had in the meantime entered the Altengrabow road.

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